

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 281 - HB 774

March 25, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Enacts the Chronic Disease Prevention Act. Requires, no later than October 1, 2019, the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to establish a Task Force to study methods on how best to prevent chronic diseases and what funding is available to assist chronic disease prevention.

Requires the Task Force to be composed of three senators, three representatives, the Commissioner of Health, the Director of TennCare, and the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Requires the Task Force to complete its findings and make recommendations by December 15, 2020. Requires members to serve on the Task Force without compensation but entitles them to travel reimbursement. Abolishes the Task Force upon completion of its findings and recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$6,300/FY19-20
\$4,200/FY20-21

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006525): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to reconstitute the task force to consist of 11 members. Requires six legislative members, three subject matter experts, one certified medical professional, and one person who possesses experience in the subject of health to serve on the task force.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$13,300/FY19-20
\$7,700/FY20-21

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The legislation entitles all members of the task force to travel reimbursement.
- The Task Force will meet quarterly, four times in FY19-20 and two times in FY20-21.

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- The General Assembly will be in session at the time of one quarterly Task Force meeting in FY19-20. It is assumed the General Assembly will not be in session when the Task Force meets in FY20-21.
- The six legislative members will not receive travel reimbursement for the meeting that takes place during the legislative session.
- The five non-legislative members will receive travel reimbursement for each meeting.
- Members will receive per diem of \$240 per day for each Task Force meeting.
- Members will receive \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles travelled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The average mileage reimbursement per member for each meeting is estimated to be \$110 (\$0.47 per mile x 234 miles).
- The total cost per member for each meeting is estimated to be \$350 (\$240 per diem + \$110 mileage).
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 as a result of this legislation is estimated to be \$13,300 [(6 members x \$350 x 3 meetings) + (5 members x \$350 x 4 meetings)].
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 as a result of this legislation is estimated to be \$7,700 [(6 members x \$350 x 2 meetings) + (5 members x \$350 x 2 meetings)].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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